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Case No. 3:23-CR-00030-MMD-CLB

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART MOTION  
TO APPOINT GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR  
MINOR WITNESSES**

[ECF Nos. 5, 7]

Defendant.

Based on the information provided in the Government's motion, Defendant's response, and the information provided during the hearing, the Court finds that good cause exists to appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor victim witnesses. "The Court may appoint, and provide reasonable compensation and payment of expenses for, a guardian ad litem for a child who was a victim of, or a witness to, a crime involving abuse or exploitation to protect the best interests of the child." See 18 U.S.C. § 3509(h)(1). The Court finds that one attorney shall be appointed to act as a guardian ad litem for the minor victim witnesses and to jointly represent them throughout the pendency of this action. The duties and scope of this appointment shall be consistent with 18 U.S.C. § 3509(h)(2), which states:

1 ECF No. 5 is a sealed, unredacted version of the motion to appoint counsel and  
ECF No. 7 is a redacted version of the motion.

1 victims and their representatives.) A guardian ad litem shall marshal and  
2 coordinate the delivery of resources and special services to the child. A  
3 guardian ad litem shall not be compelled to testify in any court action or  
4 proceeding concerning any information or opinion received from the child in  
5 the course of serving as a guardian ad litem.

6 Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Government's motion, (ECF Nos. 5, 7), is  
7 **GRANTED IN PART**, in that one guardian ad litem will be appointed to represent the  
8 minor victim witnesses and the scope of that representation shall be consistent with 18  
9 U.S.C. § 3509(h)(2).

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Cheryl Field-Lang, Esq., is hereby appointed as  
11 the guardian ad litem to represent the minor victim witnesses in this case.

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that as a court appointed guardian ad litem pursuant  
13 to 18 U.S.C. § 3509(h), the above attorney is entitled reasonable compensation and  
14 repayment of expenses. Pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act Handbook, § 320.50.10, any  
15 compensation and/or expense requests must be paid out of the Court's decentralized  
16 funds. Therefore, the Clerk of Court shall attach a copy of Form SF1034-87c to this order,  
17 which counsel is directed to use when submitting any requests for reasonable  
18 compensation and/or payment of expenses pursuant to this appointment.

19 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

20 **DATED:** October 16, 2023

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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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